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LET'S HAVE REAL HEALTH INSPECTION OR NONE

It isn't likely that any one in Hawaii wishes to have any chances taken of letting an epidemic disease slip into these islands. But there are many persons in the Islands who emphatically second the motion to way with the present farce which is called an inspection. Making allowance for the occult perspicacity with which quarantine officers are claimed to be endowed, no one who has been through it thinks that "farce" is exactly the right name for the ceremony. Nor can any honest physician presume to claim that the examination as at present made can be anything more than perfunctory. How does a quarantine inspector presume to guard the community against malaria, hook-worm, or amoebic dysentery, for instance? He simply doesn't. And yet those are things we are not anxious to have here.

There is just two ways that an inspection system can be maintained that will be reasonably effectual. The first is to make an individual examination and inquiry of every passenger arriving at the port, which would of course be impracticable on account of the time it would require. The other plan is to have a member of the board of health attached to every passenger vessel. This should be feasible, since passenger vessels all carry physicians anyhow. During a six day voyage a competent diagnostician should be able to pretty well size up the passengers, and have time to make minute examination of any doubtful cases. This work should probably be done through the Territorial board of health and not through the U. S. Public Health Service.

In this connection it would be mighty interesting to know just what the inspectors in Honolulu have discovered in the way of quarantinable diseases, on vessels from the Pacific Coast, during all the years the present system has been in force, apart from obviously apparent cases of sickness reported by the ship's physicians.

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HALEAKALA AS AN OBSERVATORY SITE

The advantages of the summit of Haleakala as the site for a meteorological station, as pointed out by Weather Bureau Director Hamrick, who visited Maui last week, has again brought to attention the potential scientific importance of Maui's great mountain. As the location for an astronomical observatory there are probably few places in the world more favorably situated. Its elevation of 10,000 feet would probably make possible the employment of telescopes of greater magnification than at any of the present great observatories; while its freedom from violent temperature fluctuations, atmospheric vapors, mountain ranges, or other obstructions to vision would seem to make it unique. But probably the greatest advantage of all is the extreme accessibility of this mountain, a factor which can scarcely be appreciated by one not familiar with the Islands. It would seem well worth while for the chamber of commerce to take this matter up, possibly through Mr. Hamrick, with the idea of interesting if possible, some of the great scientific associations in such a project.

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When Manager Alexander Valentine, of the Olowalu plantation was discharged by District Magistrate Philip Pali, after conviction of having caused damage to the new macadam road by having a steam plow engine driven over it, he got off much too easily, according to the Kohala Midget, which declares that a dark cell would have about fitted the case. It's perhaps lucky for Manager Valentine that he doesn't live in Kohala which is slowly but surely being pulled up out of the mud by the zealous good-road efforts of the Midget. Here on Maui we don't take road vandalism seriously. Valentine is by no means the first plantation offender in this same manner, but so far as we know he is the first one who was ever even slapped on the wrist for it.

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Most persons labor under the impression that a reform school is the proper place to send delinquent children. Apparently this is only partly true. Maui has just sent a bad girl down to Honolulu who is too bad for the girls' industrial school, so the superintendent says. They tried to put her in the insane asylum, but as she wasn't insane that only worked for one night. Now she is in the Queen's Hospital under some secret while the authorities are trying to wish for themselves some special kind of an institution just to fit Maria's case. It is altogether a fortunate affair, but no doubt the local court will hereafter be called on to commit only docile girls to the Honolulu institution.

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Perhaps Chemist Johnson, of the Hawaii experiment station didn't discover what was ailing the pineapples at Wahiawa nor the remedy. Perhaps a lot of the scientific high-brows knew all about it long ago—as they claim now. Perhaps also the pineapple growers who have lost thousands of dollars during the past few years for lack of this knowledge will subscribe to a medal for these chemists who knew but didn't tell. And again, perhaps you've got another guess coming.

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE WEEK

(Continued From Page One.)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3—Warren K. Billings is singled out as the suit-case man who had bomb. Grand jury yesterday returned 8 indictments in case, naming 5 suspects.

TOKIO, August 3—Eldest son of king of Korea, Prince Rikon, and Princess Masaka, eldest daughter of Prince Nashimoto, member of Japanese imperial family, are engaged.

SHANGHAI, August 3—Chinese legislature is reported to be working in harmony at last. Revolutionists of Shanghai set fire to city of Hankow. Hundreds leap into river to avoid flames.

LONDON, August 3—Sir Roger Casement, leader of Irish rebellion, stripped of all titles, and is to be executed today. He has embraced catholic religion and bids members of his family farewell. The hanging will be private.

WASHINGTON, August 3—Representative Galligan, of Massachusetts has introduced resolution calling upon president to break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain because authorities refused to permit landing of Thomas Hughes Kelley, treasurer of Irish relief funds.

NEWPORT NEWS, August 2—German submarine sighted at 6 o'clock this morning going at high speed off Tangier Sound. Passengers arriving here today from coast outside state that one foreign war vessel was sighted off Virginia capes, evidently watching for the Deutschland.

PARIS, August 2—North of Somme today French took some fortified German works near Hem woods. On the right bank of the Meuse river engagements are extending from Chenois woods to Damloup. Germans gain little ground at Vaux le Chapitre woods and Chenois.

TORONTO, August 2—Canadian forest fires cost many lives. Estimated 500 have perished in northern Ontario. Quebec sends aid to villages still flaming. Several far-away sections not yet heard from.

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